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**Governor Huntsman Announces Creation of
Renewable Energy Zone Task Force**

- Who:** Governor's Utah Renewable Energy Zone Task Force (UREZ) July 30, 2008
- What:** A Task Force of twenty (20) members, appointed by Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., representing utilities; renewable energy generation developers; environmental organizations; federal, state and local government representatives; and energy advocate representatives. The work of this Task Force recognizes the Governor's commitment to renewable energy resources as a component of Utah's energy portfolio and clean energy policy. Dr. Dianne R. Nielson, Energy Advisor, and Dr. Rick Allis, Director of Utah Geological Survey, will co-chair the Task Force. Utah is one of twelve states participating in the National Governors' Association Center for Best Practices Securing a Clean Energy Future initiative, which is providing funding for the UREZ Task Force project.
- When:** Media Availability 1:45-2:00 PM, before meeting
Kick-off meeting July 30, 2008, 2:00-4:00 PM
- Where:** Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality, Bldg #2 Room 101 - 168 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City
- Utah Relevance:** Utah's Renewable Portfolio Standard requires utilities to deliver 20% of their power from renewable energy, if cost-effective, by 2025. The proposal seeks to identify and quantify renewable energy resource areas and potential. Analysis on renewable energy zone development will seek to determine how much renewable energy could be cost-effectively delivered to market, and what policies are needed to facilitate more renewable energy production and transmission. Transmission and economic issues will be addressed in future phases.